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SPECIAL SCHEMES FOR SCs/STs/OBCs
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nationalised Banks have special Scheme/project/proposal for granting financial assistance, loan or training for liie Self-employment of the entrepreneurs belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe or Other Backward Classes;

(b) if so, the details of the special projects during the last three years; Bank-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIS.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) Under the Central Government Sponsored Poverty alleviation and self-employment Schemes, Public Sector Banks are providing loans/financial assistance to SCs/STs/OBCs. The details of reservation for SCs/STs/OBCs beneficiaries as provided under the major Centrally Sponsored Schemes are as under :

(i) Swamajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY): Under the Scheme, in rural/ semi urban areas, not-less than 50 percent of the families assisted should belong to SCs/STs. Further, beneficiaries belonging to SC/ST are entitled to subsidy of 50% of the project cost subject to a maximum of Rs.10,000/-.

(ii)` Prime Minister`s Rozgar Yojana (PMRY): The objective of the Scheme is to provide self-employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth with a 10 years relaxation in the upper age limit for SCs/STs. A reservation of 22.5% for SCs/STs and 27% for OBCs has been provided under PMRY. No third party guarantee or collateral security is necessary for projects upto Rs. One lakh,

(iii) Swaranajayiwti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) The Scheme is in operation in all urban and semi-urban areas of the country. It has two sub-schemes where bank credit is involved, namely Urban Self-Employment Programme (USEP) and Development of V/omen and Children in Urban Areas (DWCUA). SC/ST are to be financially assisted by banks, at least to the extent of the proportion of their strength in the local population. Under the Scheme, Projects costing up to Rs. 50,000/- are to be financed by banks,

(iv) Differential Rate of Interest Scheme (DRI): Under the Scheme all scheduled commercial banks provide loans up to Rs.6,500/- at a concessional rate of interest of 4% p.a. to the weaker sections of the community for engaging in productive and gainful activity. At least 40% of the total DRI advances should be granted to SCs/STs. Members of SCs/STs satisfying the income criteria of 7,200/- can also avail of housing loans up to Rs.5,000/- per beneficiary at concessional rate of interest of 4% over and above the loan of Rs.6,500/- available under the Scheme.

(v) Scheme for Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers (SLRS): The objective of the Scheme is to hberate and rehabilitate scavengers and their dependants and to provide them with alternate occupations. Under the scheme, projects up to Rs.50,000/- can be financed. Subsidy is available to borrowers at 50% of the project cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 10,000/-. AH loans up to Rs.6,500/- are to be treated as DRI loan at concessional rate of 4%.

(b) Bank-wise details of loans to SCs/STs under the above Schemes are at Annexure I to V

(c) Does not arise.